



# Many talents. One VCE.

Study options for Years 11 and 12



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# Senior secondary education in Victoria is changing to give you more pathways and greater choice

From 2023 there'll be two ways to obtain your Victorian Certificate of Education. You can enrol in VCE or the VCE Vocational Major, a new two-year vocational, applied learning program within the VCE. It replaces and builds on the strengths of Intermediate and Senior VCAL.

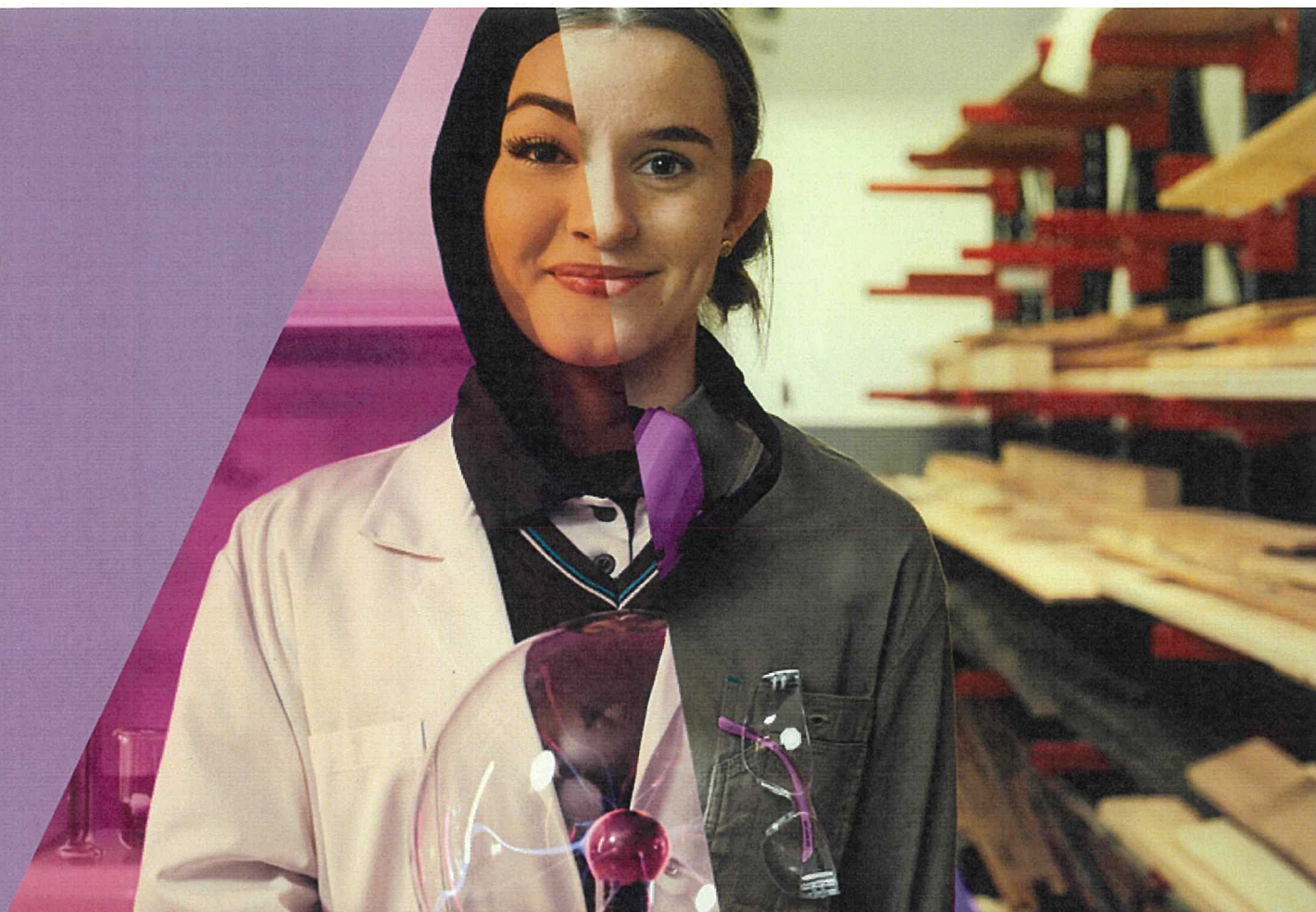
There will also be the Victorian Pathways Certificate, replacing Foundation VCAL, for students who may not be ready or able to complete a certificate at VCE level.

Whether you want to take on university, TAFE, an apprenticeship or traineeship, or head straight into the workforce when you finish school, there is a secondary pathway that will help get you there.

What's changing in 2023		
VCE	➡	VCE / no change
Senior or Intermediate VCAL	➡	VCE Vocational Major*
Foundation VCAL	➡	Victorian Pathways Certificate
VET subjects included in all pathways		

\* Intermediate VCAL can be awarded to eligible Year 12 students in 2023. Talk to your teachers to explore your options.





## VCE Vocational Major

VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) is a two-year vocational and applied learning program, now placed directly in the VCE. It is designed to equip you with the essential skills for work, further education and your personal pursuits as an active and engaged member of society.

This is a great choice if you prefer to learn in a real-world, work environment and don't need an ATAR for your post-school goals. This is a good pathway to an apprenticeship, traineeship, further study, or directly into a job.

You'll study core units – Literacy, Numeracy, Work Related Skills and Personal Development Skills – and complete 180 hours of Vocational Education and Training (VET) at Certificate II level or above.

The VCE VM has no external examinations, other than the General Achievement Test (GAT) or in some VCE VET programs. This means you will not receive a study score for VCE VM subjects or an ATAR.

You can add VCE subjects and VCE VET programs to your VCE VM learning program.





## Victorian Pathways Certificate

The Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) is a new certificate designed for students who may not be able or ready to complete a certificate at VCE level and need flexibility in learning. The VPC is at Australian Qualifications Framework Level 1.

It offers an engaging curriculum and additional support for you to develop the work-related skills and capabilities you need to succeed.

The VPC is normally completed in Year 11 and 12, but it is flexible so it can be started earlier or finished over a longer period than 2 years. The coursework is designed and delivered at a more accessible level than the VCE and VCE Vocational Major. You can study the VPC at your own pace and your teachers will assess your progress through a range of classroom learning activities.

When you've finished the VPC program, you will be awarded a Victorian Pathways Certificate. You should talk about whether this option is right for you with your teachers and family.





## Choosing the right pathway

The best way to choose the right pathway for you is to talk with your careers practitioner, teachers and family to help make your choice.

Think about your key strengths, the subjects you enjoy now and what you would like to do when you finish school.

Do you want to go straight into the workforce or into further study? Do you want to work in a trade or are you thinking about an office environment?

*Where to Now? 2023 Guide to senior secondary school pathways in Victoria* is a booklet that explains everything you need to know about your final years of school and will help you understand your options.

It's available from your school or **[vcaa.vic.gov.au/where-to-now](https://vcaa.vic.gov.au/where-to-now)**.

For more information about the new senior secondary pathway options go to **[vic.gov.au/onevce](https://vic.gov.au/onevce)**.



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